

RAILS TO PAHOKEE BY FIRST OF YEAR

Two Drag Lines to Help
Throw up Grade For
Railroad

WORK ON BRIDGE

Eastern Shore of Lake
To Have Fine Trans-
portation Service

In less than six months the residents of Pahokee and Canal Point will be served by a main-line railroad direct to Jacksonville and by a superb highway extending across the state. In addition will be the service of the two existing boat lines on Lake Okechobee to Clewiston and Moore Haven for connection with the Atlantic Coast Line railroad.

All doubt has been removed as to the purpose of the Florida East Coast railroad to have trains operating out of Pahokee by the first of January. Progress in preparations for construction by W. J. Conners Highway Department of a bridge over Kissimmee river makes certain that state road No. 8, connecting at Okechobee with Conners Highway, will be open at the same time.

No change has been announced in the purpose of the Florida Western & Northern Railroad to build a branch line to Canal Point from Indian town crossing as soon as the road is in operation into West Palm Beach, which will be before the end of the year.

As much of D. H. James' camp as can now be spared from highway work was moved this week from St. Lucie canal to Kissimmee river, eight miles west of Okechobee, to join in the construction of the bridge on which state road No. 8 is to cross. Cressed piles are arriving from Jacksonville. Piles will be driven by two Bucyrus machines and a Brown hoist machine that were used in the construction of Conners Highway, the pile-driving going on from three places at once—at each end and in the center. The machines are steam-driven. Very little floating equipment will be used, as the work will be carried forward on the extending trestles. The two abutment piers and the center pier will be timber cofferdamed and concrete poured around the piles. The center span will be of steel; this span will not be received until the cofferdams have been installed.

The widespread publicity of the com-

pletion of Conners Highway has created a situation which makes a great pressure for the early completion of all sections of state road No. 8, in order that use can be made of the highway through the muck land region of the Everglades.

F. E. C. To Pahokee
Assurance that the Florida East Coast railroad would be built to Pahokee by the end of the year was renewed this week by Assistant Engineer Langford, who came up to Canal Point camp Monday from Miami, where he is building a lock-line railroad. He confirmed the understanding that the contract for the St. Lucie canal and West Palm Beach canal bridges has been let to the Union Bridge and Construction Company of Kansas City, Mo., which built a big bridge for the F. E. C. at Jacksonville and that two drag-line machines would be at Canal Point within ten days to make a part of the grade on the meander line of Lake Okechobee.

Mr. Langford was not asked as to the location of the passenger station and freight depot on East Beach but it is understood from another source that one station will be made to serve both Canal Point and Pahokee and that the site is the G. A. Watkins property.

The temporary bridge over St. Lucie canal east of the crusher plant is being put in by company forces, and two miles of muck fill will be made by the company. The remainder of the grade will be done by the Donahue Construction Company.

Right of way clearing crew worked within sight of Canal Point all day on the fourth of July. All of the workmen are white men.

The grade that is being made two miles north of Canal Point is being made by negroes who contract sections of the work.

ASK FOR BIDS ON EAST BEACH ROAD

County Project To Hard Surface Between Canal Point
And Bacom Point

West Palm Beach, July 8.—The board of county commissioners yesterday instructed C. H. Holstlaw, county engineer, to advertise at once for bids for the construction of six crossings. Bids for building two stretches of road also will be sought.

Prior to taking up the bridge and road work the commissioners, sitting as a board of equalizers, accepted without change the tax assessments of \$12,070.00 presented by Assessor James Owens, Sr. for the year 1924-25. The tax roll for the coming year is \$1618,100 more than for the preceding period.

Other bridges for which the county will now advertise include: A frame crossing over the drainage canal at Prosperity Farms; a steel and concrete structure on the Dixie highway over the Boynton canal at Boynton; a steel and concrete bridge over the north New River canal at South Bay and one over the Miami canal at the locks near Ritta.

It was voted to ask the internal improvement board for permission to also build a bridge over the St. Lucie canal on the Palm City loop road. A bid made by D. E. O'Hara for bridge work at Hooley's Point was rejected as the engineer was told to advertise.

The longest piece of road to be built under the list of projects for which advertisements will be published, is an eight-mile stretch to be rockbed between Bacom Point and Canal Point. At the meeting yesterday F. N. Brown was awarded contract for building 3,100 feet of highway on the Poor Farm road on his bid of \$3,580.

Decision was made yesterday to ask trustees of the internal improvement fund to exchange lands it owns along Lake Okechobee for tracts east of the cross-state canal and south of the West Palm Beach canal.

ANOTHER WEATHER RECORD
W. N. Turner, of Kraemer Island has received from John B. Beach of West Palm Beach a brand new Bristol recording thermometer. The instrument makes a chart of the exact temperature of each week day and night. Mr. Turner has been asked by The Everglades News to send in the weekly record, in order that it may be published with the other records, thus showing the island's difference, if any.

STATE TREASURER HERE
State Treasurer Luning visited Pahokee Tuesday and met with officials and on fractional section 13, of which Mr. Hunter has written to The Everglades News from Tallahassee. He came to examine County Commissioner C. W. Bell, Mr. Luning said that all present claimants would be given preference but that if any of them did not want to buy the land would be sold to someone else. From here Mr. Luning

ORGANIZATION TO BOOST EAST BEACH

Chamber of Commerce Formed
At Pahokee Monday With
Ira York As President

There is no summer lull on East Beach to withhold plans for advancement of the Canal Point-Pahokee territory.

A Chamber of Commerce was formed at Pahokee Monday evening at a gathering at which 18 persons were present. Ira York was selected as president, with George L. McLarty as secretary and the following directors: Homer Vivian, Noble Padgett, J. H. Cason, C. W. Hall, J. H. Tidwell, W. J. Larimore and A. R. Rice.

Homer Vivian and wife entertained the directors at dinner Tuesday evening when a copy of the West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce by-laws which had been procured by Mr. York, was read and discussed as a basis for adoption by the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce. Changed to fit the local needs the by-laws were adopted. Noble Padgett was elected vice president.

Ten dollars initiation fee and dues of \$1.50 a month were recommended. A budget of prospective expenses was made up to ascertain the amount of funds required to launch the organization and maintain it creditably.

The original idea was to have the organization embrace all of East Beach in its name but a subsequent decision was to give it the name Pahokee Chamber of Commerce although its efforts will be for the advancement of the country from Bacom Point to St. Lucie canal.

At a mass meeting Wednesday evening at which 32 persons were present J. M. Lair and Howard Sharp were added to the board of directors and the by-laws were adopted.

REDUCED FOR RESIDENTS

W. L. McGriff, auditor for Conners Highway, notified tollgate men Monday that mileage tickets would be put on sale at 50¢ and \$20 tickets sold to farmers and other residents on the road for \$20. A form of application will have to be signed.

J. R. YORK TO HEAD PAHOKEE SCHOOLS

North Carolina Educator's Wife
To Teach Grades and
Be Assistant

Prof. J. R. York of Walnut Grove, N. C. has been engaged by the county board of public instruction as principal of the Pahokee grammar school and will arrive at Pahokee about August 20 to take up the work on the opening of the Everglades schools August 25.

Prof. York's wife, Mrs. York, has been engaged as teacher of the fifth and sixth grades and will be the assistant principal of the Pahokee school. She will come with him next month.

Other teachers of East Beach schools will be engaged later. Professor T. M. Ascan has been engaged as principal of the Canal Point school.

Prof. J. R. York, who will have charge of the Pahokee school, is a brother of Mrs. York, the Pahokee merchant. He has a long and creditable record as a teacher, and he agreed to come to Pahokee because of his dislike for the traveling that is required by his present employment. His wife is also an experienced teacher.

The educational organization on East Beach will be better in the new term than it has ever been before.

SALT WELL AT PALMDALE

A hole drilled at Palmdale in Glades county is reported to have gone into salt water this week. Fear was expressed that running the salt water into Lake Okechobee would make the lake water brackish but, it is reported, an investigator from the state capital said the fear was baseless.

BASEBALL THURSDAY

The East Beach base ball team went to Okechobee yesterday and played the Okechobee team. The Everglades News goes to press too early to report this outcome of the game. East Beach was expected to win.

EARNST'S JULY SALE

In the 30 years or more the Earnst Company has been in business in Florida it has always taken the month of July to clear out spring and summer goods. The management does not believe in carrying over any stock and its policy is to put a price on the goods that will move them quickly.

In an advertisement in The Everglades News a typographical error may have made it seem that it was a "June Clearing Sale." It is a July sale. The sale started July 2 and will continue for 15 days.

2000 CARS TRAVEL CONNERS HIGHWAY THROUGH CANAL POINT OPENING DAY

TO SET 90 ACRES OF "PEARS" ON ISLAND

JOHN B. BEACH AND E. A.
FORBES BUY CROSSMAN
45 ACRES FOR \$15,000

Avocado grove development on Ritta island is to be resumed by Edw. A. Forbes now that the lake has gone down and there is prospect that the water will be held at not higher than 16 foot elevation.

Mr. Forbes has bought from Charles E. Crossman 45 acres on the island in the northeast quarter of section 26 at a price of around \$15,000. One half of the tract has been sold to John B. Beach, of the Indian River Nurseries at West Palm Beach. Mr. Beach and Mr. Forbes will plant the entire 45 acres of the Crossman place to avocados.

The land just bought will be diked and planted in a manner similar to that on Kraemer Island, where Mr. Beach is developing an avocado grove in partnership with Turner and Gumm. The Crossman land corners on the 50 acres Mr. Forbes has owned for several years. Mr. Forbes will plant his 50 acres to avocados as well as the 45 acres just purchased. Colonial variety trees will be used in the main.

KLAN NOT FAVORED

On receipt of information that an effort was being made to organize a branch of the Ku Klux Klan on East Beach, expressions of disapproval were at once made by many residents. It was pointed out that memberships can be carried at West Palm Beach or Lake Worth and that this community is too small to provide as much revenue as maintenance of a local clan requires. Suggestion was made that if there are conditions that should be corrected the conditions should be reported to Sheriff R. C. Baker, who would be expected to have his deputies make investigations and arrests, instead of by a secret organization of masked members.

HEAVY RAIN TUESDAY

Two and a half inches rain fell Tuesday about noon. The total rain so far this year is about 23 inches. If the normal 30 inches is to be the rainfall for the year, more than half of that is yet to come and it probably will fall in August, September and October, as November and December usually are dry months.

There is growing apprehension that if the lake is not lowered or West Palm Beach canal enlarged, the water conditions will be bad this fall.

DRAINAGE BOARD MEETS

A meeting of the supervisors of the Pahokee drainage district is scheduled to be held today. Decision as to the pumps to be installed probably will be made at this meeting.

FINAL DIPPING

Ross Winne, state live stock inspector, gives notice to cattle owners of East Beach to have their cattle at the vats for final inspection on the following dates: Conners vat July 17, Osteen vat July 18, Bacom Point vat July 19.

DAVIS NOMINATED

John W. Davis of West Virginia was nominated for president by the Democratic convention in New York Wednesday. The selection was made on 102d ballot.

TORRY ISLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Winne entertained several friends at a chicken dinner on July 4. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Bryant McElendon and two children from Loxley, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Turner of Kraemer, Mr. Burroughs of Little Kreamer, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph King of Coconut Grove, Miss Louise King of Fort Lauderdale, D. C. Burnett, E. T. King, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bea Der and Elizabeth and Jack Welch.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph King and Miss Louise King returned to the coast Sunday after having spent the week end with relatives and friends. Miss Elizabeth Bea Der went with them for a few weeks stay.

The Holloway dredge started the dig around the Reed Bryan place Monday. As soon as it has finished there it will dredge out Winne's. Mrs. Ross Winne called Holloway Tuesday.

Mr. Bea Der has been tractoring the last week.

GLADES WEATHER

Okechobee
Record of meteorological observation taken by the undersigned as a cooperative observer of the weather bureau of the U. S. Department of Agriculture during the week ending July 6, 1924.

Date	High	Low	Rain
20	80	71	0.53
21	88	69	0.10
22	89	70	0.29
23	89	71	0.19
24	89	70	0.16
25	89	71	0.12
26	90	72	0.10

H. P. PETERSON,
Cooperative Observer.

Moore Haven
Record of meteorological observation taken by the undersigned as a cooperative observer of the weather bureau of the U. S. Department of Agriculture during the week ending July 5, 1924.

Date	High	Low	Rain
20	88	68	T
21	89	69	0.03
22	88	69	0.29
23	86	68	0.26
24	86	67	0.13
25	90	69	0.03
26	91	70	0.10

Rainfall January 1 to July, 21.83 inches.

A. C. MCWAT,
Cooperative Observer.

Canal Point
Temperature, sunshine and rain fall record at Canal Point, Florida, for week ending July 6, 1924.

Date	High	Low	Rain
20	87	67	0.00
21	87	64	1.85
22	89	63	1.42
23	87	62	0.42
24	85	67	0.26
25	85	68	0.00
26	87	66	0.00

Average 87 66 Total .395

Rain since January 1, 2024, 22.11.

Gauge above the locks, 16.3, gauge below the locks, 15. Reading office at 7 a. m. June 6, 1924.

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CALLING ON THE EXPERTS

A disease known as "nail-head rust" did great damage to tomatoes on the Florida east coast last winter. In an editorial under the caption "A Serious Menace" the Miami Herald estimated the loss to Dade county growers as over one million dollars, and a news article in the same paper says that "unless some relief is found many growers will be forced to abandon the industry." Heavy losses were sustained by tomato growers in St. Lucie county also.

Nail-head rust is thus described in the Herald editorial: "The disease first appears upon the fruit in the form of minute spots. The spots multiply until the entire fruit has the appearance of a child broken out with the measles. The fruit then rots. Of course, tomatoes afflicted in the slightest degree

difference of six or seven men should hold up public improvements in which thousands of persons are interested. Likewise there is the matter of long delay between voting bonds and awarding contracts. What is known as "the Polk county plan" has been used in Lee county and possibly elsewhere. Tentative award of road contracts are made before the bond election is held, and by this method every voter knows exactly where every road will run and what it will cost. The award becomes effective when the bonds carry.

People get the kind of government they deserve—that is the only conclusion from consideration of public affairs. If they want prompt and honest action they get it by insisting upon having it, and if they don't insist on it they don't get it.

THE HIGHWAY'S BEAUTY SPOTS

It is the opinion of many motorists, and not merely an expression of local pride, that the prettiest spots and finest scenery in the entire length of the Conners Highway are between Canal Point and St. Lucie canal.

This must be the opinion of the discriminating photographers also; photographers are trained to note the most interesting and pleasing spots, and none of them fail to pause somewhere in the five miles between West Palm Beach canal and St. Lucie canal on Lake Okechobee and train their cameras on the trees and vines that constitute the heart of the Everglades "jungle."

The scenes on this part of Conners highway are reminiscent of Dixie highway along Indian river; the vegetation is much the same, and through vine-covered trees are glimpses of Lake Okechobee that are not different from views of the Atlantic ocean. It will be too bad if the native vegetation on this bit of Conners Highway is despoiled. Architects and artists discovered at Palm Beach that the best setting for the type of architecture best adapted to this region is a natural setting, and they sedulously avoid disturbing any of the trees of her growth if possible.

Between Canal Point and St. Lucie canal are the famous custard apples, palmettos, rubber trees, and some live ivy along to them and often over them. Papayas add variety, and on are to exhibit their fruit. Royal incense display their scarlet flowers. Highway beautification can well be invoked at some points on the Conners highway but no man-made plan can prove these parts of the road where nature has planted profusely.

As a matter of making a record and dodging facts, it is proper to say that motorists who pass through Canal Point are amazed that the residents of the town and the owners of property are not making more of a show on behalf of the community. This newspaper is at the disposal of the community for any service it can render, so we pass the motorists' criticisms to others—it doesn't touch us.

William Stuart Hill, a staff writer of the Miami Herald, has a comprehensive story on the Tamiami Trail in Sunday's Herald. Everyone who wants to know the exact status of work on that road should get a copy of the Herald and read Judge Hill's article.

MUCH MORE WORK ON W. P. B. CANAL

Thirty-nine thousand cubic yards of excavation was done in Hillsboro canal the month of April, according to a canal statement issued for the period ending April 30 by F. C. Elliott, state drainage engineer. That made a total material excavated in the year 1923 845 cubic yards. There remains to dig 158,778 cubic yards of rock.

The April statement is the most recent one available for except for publication. In April 123,850 cubic yards of material was excavated from St. Lucie canal, of which 64,505 was earth and 3,354 was rock. There remains to be dug from St. Lucie canal 787,573 cubic yards of earth and 240,046 cubic yards of rock.

The statement indicates that a tremendous amount of work is yet to be done in West Palm Beach canal. The remaining cubic yards is given as 412,644. With 9,341 cubic yards the estimate of total excavation, 792,771 and been excavated to the end of April, two hundred and eleven thousand cubic yards was taken out between the first of January and the end of April, which 16,875 was in April. West Palm Beach is given as 84,97 per cent complete. The length of this canal is 19.0 miles.

The Moore Haven northwest levee and the Moore Haven-Sand Point levee being completed, the levee work under way on the west and southwest side of the lake in April was on the Sand Point-Miami canal section, where 18,499 cubic yards of earth and 4,537 cubic yards of rock were removed, a total of 23,036 yards. The remaining cubic yards is 88,057. The canal for this levee will be 11.25 miles long, of which 6.37 has been dug, making it 73 per cent complete.

Another section of lake levee work on Hillsboro canal to Bacom was 825 yards was excavated. This made a total of 365,704 yards, the 10.72 miles and completed 105 per cent.

Other miscellaneous work done in April amounted to 900 cubic yards.

TELEPHONE LINES ALL AROUND LAKE

Connect Two Systems As Soon As Public Roads Are Built

Perfection of telephone service around Lake Okechobee will be brought about if negotiations now under way are carried through. The negotiations concern in part the Palm Beach Everglades Telephone Company, which owns a line from 20-mile bend to South Bay and Okechobee and by way of Chosen to Canal Point and the sugar mill. Lack of a road between Pahokee and Belle Glade prevents maintenance of the line and prevents it from being profitable. Nevertheless there is a large and growing volume of telephone business. This state of affairs has brought about the negotiations which are expected to lead to betterment of the service.

A two-wire metallic circuit connecting LaBelle, Denaud and Alva, with Fort Myers has been completed by the Heitman Telephone Company of Fort Myers.

Mr. Heitman has obtained a franchise and recently expressed his intention to complete this line across the state as soon as roads were completed south of Lake Okechobee.

With the sale of the Magill Telephone Company to the Inter-County Telephone and Telegraph Company improvements in Hendry county on a large scale are soon to be made. A carload of copper wire is expected to arrive this week in LaBelle at the boat terminal. This is to be strung about Hendry and Glades counties in a first-class two-wire circuit to connect LaBelle, Moore Haven, Clewiston and all points between.

Hayward Montgomery and Glenn Magill, two experienced telephone linemen, are now working on the lines in and about LaBelle, and a graduate telephone engineer in charge of operations is located at Moore Haven. Fred Phillips is the general manager, who recently completed the deal between the new company and R. H. Magill, Hendry county's pioneer telephone builder.

It is generally understood that Baron Collier, who recently constructed a telephone and telegraph line into Naples and Everglades, is also financing the Hendry and Glades county project. The new company, operating in Collier, Hendry, DeSoto and Glades counties and known as the Inter-County Telephone and Telegraph Company, has obtained franchises from each county. They are to connect their present Clewiston line with Ritta, Belle Glade and West Palm Beach as soon as Palm Beach county puts through its bond issue for a cross-state road, which connects these Everglade farming communities with the east and west coasts.

Clerk Wants Names of Drainage Taxpayers

Pahokee, Fla., July 4, 1924.

Dear Mr. Sharp: In 1912 representatives of owners of 4800 contracts met in convention to distribute something over 67,000 acres of Everglades land. It was not a lottery game but as near that as possible. These sections were badly scattered over the Everglades. Had this land been exchanged for a like number of acres close to Lake Okechobee in a solid body no doubt this would at this time have been the most successful colony in the Everglades.

Out of all the owners of the 4800 tracts there is probably not one hundred living on their land. A per cent of the land has been sold for taxes, a per cent of owners having become dissatisfied at the ever increasing taxes annually have quit paying and let the land be sold. There is little wonder why more have not quit paying.

In 1912 the first year after the land was divided that the owners paid the tax, on a 20-acre tract the tax collected by county collector was \$3.19. The \$23 tax on the same 20-acre tract was \$18.60, and not 200 acres of land has produced enough to pay the taxes since the people owned it. Canals started then have never been completed. Some few tried to do something but it was like all other new countries, most all made failures. In one section cut into 64 10-acre tracts not one person has ever located on their land. Only eleven (11) of these 64 owners have paid the Pahokee drainage levy tax. We do not know the address of 20 per cent of the owners of this large section. Eleven paid, 62 waiting for same else to come forward and pay the drainage tax so the work may continue. All lands need drainage.

Any owner of land in the Pahokee drainage district should see that this office (P. D. I.) offices has their correct address in and when completed will be the equal of any drainage district in any country.

The supervisors drop their own work for the interests and success of the drainage district.

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THERE IS NEWS IN THE 'ADS'

LOCKTENDERS' WEEKLY REPORT OF LAKE AND CANAL LEVELS

		LAKE GROUP					COASTAL GROUP					CALOOSA GROUP		
		Caloosahatche	St. Lucie	St. Lucie	St. Lucie	St. Lucie	Caloosahatche	St. Lucie	St. Lucie	St. Lucie	St. Lucie	Caloosahatche	St. Lucie	St. Lucie
Sunday	Upper Pool	16.2	16.5	16.7	16.5	16.4	13.1	4.9	3.4	2.6	1.8	1.6	1.20	7.1
Monday	Lower Pool	16.1	15.8	15.1	15.0	15.0	16.4	1.1	0.3	3.4	1.4	1.8	1.20	6.1
Tuesday	Upper Pool	16.2	16.5	16.5	16.4	16.4	16.3	12.3	4.4	3.2	2.6	2.0	1.20	6.1
Wednesday	Lower Pool	16.1	15.7	15.0	15.0	15.0	16.3	1.5	0.2	3.2	1.6	2.0	1.5	12.0
Thursday	Upper Pool	16.1	16.5	16.5	16.4	16.4	16.3	12.2	4.4	3.0	2.6	2.0	1.5	12.1
Friday	Lower Pool	16.0	15.7	15.0	15.0	15.0	16.3	1.1	0.2	3.0	1.6	2.0	1.5	12.1
Saturday	Upper Pool	16.1	15.5	15.1	15.0	15.0	16.3	1.1	0.0	3.0	2.5	1.8	1.4	12.1
Sunday	Lower Pool	16.1	15.5	15.1	15.0	15.0	16.3	1.1	0.0	3.0	1.6	1.8	1.4	12.1
Monday	Upper Pool	16.3	16.6	16.5	16.6	16.4	16.3	13.0	4.4	3.0	1.8	1.4	1.21	7.1
Tuesday	Lower Pool	16.2	16.6	16.5	16.5	16.4	16.3	12.1	4.4	3.0	2.4	1.8	1.3	12.0
Wednesday	Upper Pool	16.1	16.6	16.5	16.0	15.5	16.4	1.0	0.1	3.0	1.6	1.8	1.3	12.0
Thursday	Lower Pool	16.2	16.6	16.5	16.0	16.3	12.0	4.4	3.0	2.4	1.8	1.3	1.19	6.3
Friday	Upper Pool	16.1	15.6	15.0	15.0	15.5	16.3	0.6	0.3	3.0	1.6	1.8	1.3	1.19

Level of Lake Okeechobee at all canal entrances and level of all canals at locks at the lake or coast ends is shown day by day in the locktenders' weekly report, a copy of which shows that at no time or at any point had the lake been higher than 16.5 feet and that at one point it was only a tenth of a foot above 16.

The figures relate to elevation above sea level. In the "lake group" the term "upper pool" means the lake side of the lock; lower pool means the height of water in the canals. In the "coastal group" the term "upper pool" means the canals and "lower pool" means the ocean side of the lock.

St. Lucie canal lock is wide open at the lake end, hence the figures for upper pool and lower pool are always identical. At the east end of the canal water is being held at from 12 to 13.1 feet.

At the West Palm Beach (Dixie highway) lock and spillway the level of water in Palm Beach canal is held exactly 4.4 feet; at the west end (at the lake) it is 15 feet.

In printing this statement The Everglades News has omitted the figures of rainfall and temperatures in order to conserve space. It should be understood, however, that the report was made and preserved by Assistant State Engineer Glenn V. Scott carries the

weather statistics day by day as a guide to regulating the levels of lake and canals.

The feature of the report in which residents and land owners will be interested is the showing that canal levels are maintained at substantially the same point all over the district and that there is no discrimination for or against localities of the district.

Figures of the 18 last 124 of the several canals were printed in this paper three weeks ago, when it was reported that the discharge of St. Lucie canal was 1,340 cubic feet per second; it is about one-fourth the quantity the canal will be able to discharge when completed.

HOW W. J. CONNERS MADE HIS FIRST

VISIT INTO THE EVERGLADES

Less Than Eight Years Ago He Was Escorted Up The Canal By
L. G. Biggers, Secretary of West Palm Beach
Board of Trade

L. G. Biggers of West Palm Beach was the man who introduced W. J. Connors to the Everglades.

A story in the Palm Beach Post's mid-summer development edition of July 4 tells some of the circumstances of Mr. Connors' first visit to the Everglades through which he has now built a highway and of his first land purchases here but it does not relate the incident in full. The version that is now to be given is the product of inquiries made in a period of several years and corrected by revisions.

Mr. Biggers is a real estate dealer in West Palm Beach; he is a former mayor, and for several years was executive secretary of the West Palm Beach Board of Trade, which preceded the West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce. Before he came to Florida he was a resident of Dothan, Ga., where he made a record as advertising manager of a daily paper.

T. J. Campbell, then county tax collector and now state senator, with Stanley Warrick and a few others guaranteed the secretary's salary and other operating expenses of the West Palm Beach Board of Trade through 1916. The spring of 1917 to raise a fund to sustain the board in the coming year, a banquet was arranged at which the plans for the organization were to be stated and an appeal made for memberships and subscriptions. The banquet was to be given at the Hotel Palms, then owned and operated by "Mike" Hoenic. The hotel is now owned by D. G. Binion, who is president of the West Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Hoenic and Mr. Biggers were talking the day before the banquet of plans for the affair the next night.

"Let's get W. J. Connors to make a speech," Mr. Hoenic proposed.

"I don't know him. Do you?" Secretary Biggers asked.

Mr. Hoenic owned a hotel at Niagara Falls, near Buffalo, for many years and ran it during the summers. He said he knew Mr. Connors very well—had known him in the north and renewed the acquaintance in West Palm Beach. "Let's go over and see him right now," Mr. Hoenic urged.

The secretary and the hotel man went to Palm Beach, called on Mr. Connors at his home and tendered the invitation. Mr. Connors accepted readily: "I can't make a speech but I'll come to your banquet."

During the short stay at Mr. Connors' Palm Beach home he told the visitors he would like to go into the Everglades—"not with one of these damned real estate men, though—with somebody who'll show me the land right and tell me the truth about it." At the banquet the following evening Mr. Connors was called on for a talk; he responded very briefly, but saying he would like to see the Glades and ending his talk by subscribing \$250 to the Board of Trade maintenance fund.

Secretary Biggers made a speech at the banquet too. That he can make a good speech all know, and he was particularly eloquent that night. He quoted a chemist's figures that in every ton of Everglades muck soil there are so many pounds of fertilizing elements, worth so much a pound; to every acre there are so many tons, and in the Palm Beach county division of the Everglades were so many acres. He mul-

tiplied one factor by another, and so on, and he had a staggering total of the value of the Everglades. That was as if the soil was used for fertilizer alone; if the land was planted to sugar cane it would yield so many tons to the acre and so on, and he said it would yield still greater value.

How to get Mr. Connors into the Everglades was the problem the next day, for although West Palm Beach canal was open there were few speed boats. George F. Bensen, secretary of the Southern States Land and Timber Company, was appealed to because his company owned a fast and comfortable boat. Mr. Connors' first view of the Everglades was thus had in company of Mr. Biggers and Mr. Bensen.

The Southern States Land and Timber Company was just then starting a demonstration farm on section 12, where "Connorsville" was afterwards located. "Bob" Rousseau of Boynton, then a member of the board of county commissioners, was in charge of the development, where a two-story house had been built. A stop was made there and Mr. Connors saw the vegetables and ate some of them. The party then went into Lake Okeechobee and down the east shore of the lake to Bacom Point, returning to West Palm Beach late in the afternoon.

On the forenoon of the next day Mr. Connors went into the office of the Southern States Land and Timber Company and said to a map of the company's land.

"I want that section," Mr. Connors said, putting his finger on the section on which the company was starting its demonstration farm. (A section is 640 acres.)

Mr. Bensen explained that the section was not listed for sale; other lands were for sale, but the company was reserving that section for its demonstrations.

"Sell it to me and I'll go ahead with the demonstration," Mr. Connors argued. "And I want that section, and that and that," indicating other tracts—"what's the price?"

The list prices were quoted to him but Mr. Connors said that in view of the acreage he was prepared to buy the price should be shared. This Mr. Bensen would not do but at Mr. Connors' suggestion he referred the offer to the directors of the company, who made offer that was accepted. Mr. Connors then induced Chalmers Groves and George Jonas to make purchases.

OKEELANTA, FLORIDA

is known to many owners of land who bought years ago.

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SAM COPPER

2000 CARS TRAVEL CONNERS HIGHWAY

Continued from first page.

J. Connors, Jr., Mrs. John J. Meegan, W. G. Stovall of Okeechobee, organizer of the Connors highway idea; Michael J. Walsh, former mayor of Yonkers, N. Y.; J. M. Barrett, vice-president of the Connors car shops, Buffalo, and Fred C. Elliot, chief drainage engineer of the state.

Mayor Conley welcomed the thousands in Okeechobee City and read congratulatory telegrams to Mr. Connors from P. E. Crowley, president of the New York Central line; W. F. Cochran of Jacksonville, E. T. Anderson, Chicago sugar magnate; Captain W. J. Hillman of the state highway department; Mr. Elliot, J. C. Luning, state commissioner; Ernest Amos, state controller, and many others.

In his address Mayor Conley said the thousands had been invited to celebrate not only the state highway but also to rejoice with us on the opening of the Connors highway. He cited that the road would connect Okeechobee and the Glades with all the United States by virtue of its joining the Dixie highway at West Palm Beach. The mayor declared that the highway is the east coast road so is Mr. Connors "to us." Shouts of "Hurrah for Connors!" He said the road will stand almost forever as a monument to the state and said this day is the greatest in the history of Okeechobee. The mayor then introduced Governor-elect Martin.

After telling how happy he was to be present Mr. Martin declared it is fitting that "we pay homage to the revolutionary patriots today and to the men who now have in the state the down the barriers that progress might be made."

Mr. Martin said he spoke for all the people of the state their commendation of Mr. Connors, and said he saw great developments coming as a result of the master road project. He pledged his efforts as governor to help in the development of the Glades and south Florida generally.

Drawing a neat allegory between the first builders of the nation and Mr. Connors as a modern empire builder, the governor-elect summed up his words with the sentence, "We are here to pay respect to the builders of the nation and the achievements of Mr. Connors."

Governor Hardee was the next speaker. Referring to Mr. Connors as the "great developer" of the state, he also said, "We are here to celebrate remarkable achievements." He paid tribute to the governor-elect with the statement that the state will be "safe for the next four years," and complimented the people of Okeechobee on their building of a commonwealth destined to be one of the leading states in the union in a very few years.

"Flagler deserves and he has received the commendation of the state for his work," Governor Hardee said, and he declared Henry B. Plant, the west coast developer also is entitled to great appreciation. On a parallel with these two the governor placed Mr. Connors. "This later developer has been impressed with the possibilities here and out of a spirit of altruism he has built this highway."

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PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS**PAHOKEE****New Buildings and Improvements the Feature of The Week's News**

James Siegler is erecting a handsome six-room bungalow at Bacom Point at what was formerly the Bartlett place which Mr. Siegler purchased about a year ago. When finished this house will be about the best one to be seen on East Beach. The Siegler family came to Pahokee from Cuba and occupied the Sharon house for a short time before securing the L. L. Davis cottage at Bacom Point where they have resided until they could make a crop and have time to build their house. Mr. Siegler has his yard cleared and cleaned and fenced, which improves the looks of his place immensely.

C. L. Wilder, who recently returned from the west coast, has cleared up his yard and lake front at Bacom Point so that the improvement is greatly welcomed by the eyes of persons motoring along down the lake shore.

S. C. Gammage and family returned last week to their home here after spending a month on the west coast.

The McDaniels house occupied by the J. B. Elliott family was given a coat of paint last week by C. A. Shive. S. A. Barfield started repairing his small cottages this week. After the repairs are made, Mr. Barfield will give the houses a good coating of paint.

J. E. Cochran has added some to his dwelling and put in a tank and pumping outfit to supply his home with water from the lake.

D. C. Culp and family returned Saturday to their old home here.

Mrs. O. B. McClure returned last week from the Good Samaritan hospital. Her health was so improved that it was unnecessary for her to remain there longer. She is yet quite weak, however, due to having been confined to her bed so long. It will take some time for her to thoroughly recover her strength.

Mrs. C. L. Smith and children of Vero accompanied by Mrs. Smith's father, R. J. Boyd, arrived here Saturday. They returned to Vero Wednesday taking Mrs. Boyd and Miss Hazel Boyd with them.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Rice entertained guests last week from West Palm Beach.

Nearly everyone from Pahokee went to Okeechobee or West Palm Beach on the Fourth. A few who did not go away for the day had a good little picnic at the Rice home. The sad accident which resulted in the death of W. B. Cross at Okeechobee on the Fourth created quite a sensation here where Mr. Cross' family has resided for the past year. Mr. Cross had property and business at Kreamer Island but as it was so near here he spent much of his time here and was well known. Much regret was felt at his sudden loss and deepest sympathy went out to the members of the bereaved family.

Mrs. Harold Spangler of West Palm Beach visited her parents here last week.

The Rev. F. W. Nolte of East Fort Myers conducted Sunday services at the Baptist church morning and evening. His theme was on the second coming of Christ and was quite interesting.

C. R. Barfield and daughter Elise of West Palm Beach spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives at this place.

Mrs. L. L. Stucky's brother paid her a visit last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cochran went to West Palm Beach Saturday.

Miss Sadie Cochran returned home Saturday from Homestead, where she spent a month with relatives.

The Rev. W. J. Nease and his daughter, Miss Kathleen Nease, left Tuesday. Mr. Nease will be away about three weeks visiting his father in Georgia. Miss Nease will take a position at St. Petersburg in the telephone exchange.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Roberts of West Palm Beach spent the Fourth of July at Pahokee with Mrs. Roberts' parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Barfield.

Mrs. D. S. Spooner has returned to Pahokee after a visit to West Palm Beach and joined the ranks of the bobbed-hair ladies. Slowly but surely the long tresses of our good women are disappearing. Only a few are left now to remind one of the 'good old days' when two or three hours of strenuous toil and most vexing trials of dressing the long switch of hair preceded our being 'presentable' to company.

BOYD-KNIGHT WEDDING

A very pretty quiet home wedding was solemnized Monday afternoon at 2:30 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Boyd when their daughter Beatrice became the bride of Mr. Marvin Woodson Knight. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. J. Nease, pastor of the Methodist church. It was short and simple but very impressive and beautiful and was witnessed by only the immediate family of the bride and a few most intimate friends.

After the ceremony, congratulations and informal conversation ensued. The bride and the groom's cakes were cut and served with most delightful fruit punch. While the minister entertained with some lively jokes and stories the bride slipped away and donned her traveling suit for the departure.

The happy couple left early on their honeymoon trip which will include points in North Carolina and Virginia. They will be at home to their friends after August 1st at Vero.

The bride is a charming young woman of excellent character and is highly esteemed and loved by a large acquaintance on East Beach who will greatly miss her. The groom is a prosperous young business man of Vero, being a partner with Knight Brothers in the Vero Ice Company, the Nu-Grape Bottling Company and general manager of the Vero Fish Company. He is well known on the East Coast and has a host of friends.

The bride was daintily gowned in a simple white frock of flat crepe silk trimmed with georgette ruffles and panels. She wore a white hat and white slippers and hose and carried a lovely bouquet. Her going away costume consisted of a charming green rocher crepe dress trimmed in grey with a grey cape and hat to harmonize and dark footwear.

Besides the contracting young couple and the minister, those present at the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Boyd, the bride's parents; Mrs. C. L. Smith and children and Miss Hazel Boyd, sisters of the bride, Mr. and Mrs.

George Crawford, Miss Lulu Barfield and Miss Tommie Gray.

Letter From Mr. Kaltenbruner

The Everglades News has received a letter from A. Kaltenbruner, dated Asheville, N. C. July 1 in which he says:

"I have at last reached the place where I want to stay for a month or so in the mountains, here in Asheville, N. C. I find it the best place to spend the time. The weather is nice and cool this morning and was so last night but was exceptionally warm Sunday the 29th-30th in the shade. Have been sick for several days—cold, head runarria, but am better now and am anxious to hear from home, so please send me the The Everglades News."

NOTICES

At The Churches—Sunday
Methodist Church
Sunday school, 10:00 a. m.
Preaching, 11:00 a. m. by Rev. C. A. Shive.
Baptist Church
Sunday school, 10:00 a. m.
Preaching, 11:00 a. m. and 8 p. m. first and third Sunday.
F. W. NOLTE, Pastor.

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CANAL POINT

See the East Beach Land Company if you want to buy a lot of a farm tract. Deputy Sheriff Ernest Malphers was out from West Palm Beach Monday.

J. E. Carter met a business visit this week to Melbourne, his old home on the east coast.

F. E. Bryant, president of the sugar company, has returned from a three-weeks stay in the north.

A new Studebaker light 6 was delivered this week to Mr. Geiger, the St. Lucie lock merchant.

Mrs. Ed Jordan is clerking in the Highway store during the time Miss Fred Geiger is away on her vacation.

The E. D. D. boat Transit came in Monday night from West Palm Beach with material for reforesting Lockender Simmon's house.

Tom M. Bryan of Fort Lauderdale went through here Monday on his way from Okeechobee to Torry island, where Reed Bryan has a farm.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Mason returned Saturday from a visit to Tampa. Mr. Mason has resumed his place as captain of the Conners boat, Alice H.

Ward Randolph, Lake Worth civil engineer, was up the latter part of last week and looked over the Pioneer Company townsite, which he surveyed.

An automobile with a trailer bearing a Massachusetts license tag was seen on Conners Highway Monday. Many of the passing cars bear Georgia tags.

C. A. Maul, commercial agent of the Atlantic Coast Line, stopped at Canal Point last week en route to his home in Miami from the Fourth of July celebration at Okeechobee.

A big road roller that was leased from S. P. Snyder and used on Conners highway was brought in from north of St. Lucie canal Monday and sent down to 20-mile bend to be returned to the owner, its part of the work being finished.

Dr. F. L. Tatom of Lake Worth and a party of friends visited East Beach Sunday. He owns land near Miami canal and during his stay on East Beach Sunday he talked with residents about the prospect of getting the Everglades road system under way.

Charles Tedder and wife and children left Sunday afternoon for South Jacksonville, where Mr. Tedder owns a home place. They will visit there for a few days. Miss Fred Geiger, who accompanied them to Jacksonville, will go on to Savannah, Ga., and visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Wells of St. Lucie canal stopped at the Glades hotel Sunday. He was with Superintendent James on canal lock jobs all around the lake and later on the crusher plant work and will be on the Kissimmee river bridge job. Mrs. Wells is stopping at the Canal Point hotel while her husband was getting located on the new job.

F. B. Nance of West Palm Beach, William Dittmar of Williamsport, Pa., and G. A. Wheeler of New York city were callers on East Beach Saturday. Mr. Nance is a real estate dealer resident in West Palm Beach and Mr. Wheeler, a winter resident of Florida, is a partner with him in several tracts of Everglades lands. Mr. Dittmar is a prospective settler in the Everglades.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our thanks to friends of Pahokee and Canal Point for the sympathy and beautiful floral offerings during our recent bereavement.

Mrs. Francis S. Cross,
F. W. Cross,
W. A. Cross.

Revival Continues To
Wednesday, July 16

By Rev. W. J. Thomas
The revival started Sunday, July 6. Our thoughts in this series of meetings have been: The creation, fall of man, redemption of man, and God's promise to those who believe. In His word.

Much interest is being shown in the meetings. Song service Sunday evening was wonderful. After preaching service an invitation was given to those that wished to join the choir and sing, fully one hour we worshiped God in song service. Mr. and Mrs. Sheffield (Mrs. Sheffield pianist); Mr. and Mrs. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Sasser, Miss Helen Highton, the two Mr. Pops, Mr. Lowe, Miss Ruby Lowe, Mr. Frank Lowe, Mrs. Brigham, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Griffith and the pastor, but we need you, too.

A cordial and brotherly invitation is extended to all Christian people and especially the ministers. I am not asking you what church you belong to. Are you a soldier for Christ? Matt. 16:24 "Jesus said, 'If any man will come after me let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.'"

"Let us work while it is day."

Wm. Jesse Thomas, Pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

New officers and teachers were elected for the Canal Point community Sunday school last Sunday: Miss Helen Highton, superintendent; Mrs. E. W. Windham, Bible teacher; Mrs. Highton, junior teacher; Mrs. Adams, teacher for the little ones; Mr. Snyder, secretary-treasurer. "Come join our Sunday school," Rev. W. J. Thomas, the pastor, urges all. On Wednesday evenings Miss Helen Highton has charge of the Bible study class. The Sunday school is held at 3 p. m.; Bible study at 8 p. m. Wednesday.

Head of Seed Company
Inspects Lake Region

"This is a great country and there will be an immense development under way within a year," said H. M. Kilgore of Plant City, president of the Kilgore Seed Company, who visited East Beach Wednesday with C. Eugene Smith, manager of the company's Moore Haven house. Mr. Kilgore made inquiries about the route of the Florida East Coast railroad, grade for which he noted was being made, and on other phases which indicated that he is contemplating the location of a branch house somewhere on the eastern shore of the lake.

Mr. Kilgore and Mr. Smith went from Canal Point to Belle Glade to inspect the country at the south end of the lake. This was Mr. Kilgore's second visit to East Beach, the first having been made three years ago. He noted that despite the loss caused by the high water the country shows improvement.

HATTAWAY PUTS ON DAILY
TRUCK SERVICE TO COAST

John Hattaway, well known on East Beach, is now making daily deliveries of ice on East Beach, running a truck which also carries small freight both ways.

He leaves Pahokee at 2 o'clock each morning, goes to West Palm Beach delivers such packages as he has collected on East Beach, and at West Palm Beach gets his load of ice and freight or cargo, arriving back at Pahokee at 9 o'clock.

The service is now definitely established but for the present is limited to small packages. Another truck will be procured when the prospect for increased business justifies.

Packages for Mr. Hattaway or directions to get stuff at West Palm Beach can be left at the Ira York & Company store in Pahokee or the Highway store in Canal Point.

ROAD SPECIFICATIONS
ARE NOT YET MADE UP

County Engineer Charles H. Holstlaw, here Wednesday afternoon, said that he hoped to be able to make up specifications for the hard-surfacing of the eight miles of road from Canal Point to Bacon Point in time for bids to be received at the August meeting of the county board but he was not certain that enough time was provided. It might be that bids could not be received until the September meeting but they certainly could then.

Asked as to the exact route of the lake front road, Mr. Holstlaw said that the center of the canal bridge was 30 feet west of the lake meander line and that the road runs on that line, which means on so-called state laid, for at all points the route is west of the meander line.

The county engineer came to Canal Point in response to the report from Bridgetender Baxter that the canal bridge span was sticking and that travel on the highway was in danger of being held up. He authorized Mr. Baxter to chip the ends of the span in order to let it fit to the approaches.

THREE DEALS PENDING

Negotiations are under way for the sale of the lake-front properties of Ira Shives, C. A. Shives and Dr. C. R. Robinson at Pahokee to G. A. Wheeler of New York city and associates. Seven thousand dollars was offered for the C. A. Shives five acres and a 120-foot front lot, \$6,000 for the Ira Shives five acres and \$4,500 for the Robinson five acres and 100-foot front lot. The lots are several hundred feet deep. C. A. Shives paid \$2,900 for his place a few months ago. It is not expected that Dr. Robinson will accept the offer of \$4,500 as he paid \$5,300 for that property.

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AT THE HIGHWAY STORE

It was always a point with the Highway Store to keep its stock fresh, feeling that this was highly important.

With the advent of daily bus service and truck service between West Palm Beach and Canal Point we are making use of this new and additional means of keeping the stock fresh and up to date in every particular.

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When the present stock of Groceries has been sold out no more will be ordered.

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Kreamer, Fla.

M'COY LINE BOAT AND BUS

Bus Schedule

Bus leaves Poinsettia Hotel, Clematis Avenue and Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach, at 8 a. m. daily.

Bus arrives Canal Point 10 a. m. daily. Connects on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays with boat Crocodile for Moore Haven. See below for Moore Haven connection.

Bus arrives at West Palm Beach 2:15 p. m.

Boat Schedule

Boat Crocodile leaves Canal Point Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10:00 a. m. on arrival of bus from West Palm Beach; arrives Moore Haven 2:30 p. m. and connects with Atlantic Coast Line train at 3:15 p. m. for Haines City and Tampa. Boat also connects at Moore Haven with Clark Bus Line for LaBelle and Fort Myers.

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SOUTH FLORIDA

Kissimmee voted \$350,000 bonds for street improvement at an election held July 2.

Bonds are to be voted at Bradenton for a municipal gas plant, as Fort Myers did.

The Allapattah Sunday school, near Miami, S. has bought a bus which will call for Sunday school pupils just as public school buses do.

A proposition to issue \$200,000 bonds for municipal improvements will be voted on at Vero shortly.

Adoption of the commission form of government is being advocated by Fort Lauderdale civic organizations.

Mayor R. B. Armstrong of Arcadia has directed Chief of Police Wiley Ross to stop the operation of slot machines.

G. F. Bobb is the new cashier of the Highlands Bank & Trust Company at Sebring. The local paper does not say where he is from.

The old ice plant near Stuart is being used by Aaron Cleveland and R. L. Brewer as a site for the manufacture of interlocking septic tanks.

John W. Pelot of Arcadia has bought 9,240 acres of raw land between Zolfo and Buchanan in Hardee county from F. H. Thwing of Kansas City, Mo., for \$100,000.

Porte F. Quinn of West Palm Beach and L. A. Hough of Okeechobee have bought 180 acres near Okeechobee for subdivision. The tract is on the north side of state road No. 8.

Candidates in Highlands county got back 75 per cent of the sums that had been assessed against them by the county committee. The primary did not cost as much as was expected.

Paul L. E. Co. has superintended the Hendry county, reports that the Indian Prairie road from LaBelle to the Kissimmee river by way of Lakeport or Palmdale is in pretty good condition.

Fort Pierce has voted half a million dollars bonds for public improvements. This promises to start Fort Pierce on a rate of growth that will be equal degree as West Palm Beach's and Miami's.

Publicity and development officials of the Florida Western & Northern railroad are going over the route. C. J. Blanchard is the publicity man and J. M. McElrath is the development agent. The photography is being done by George Whicker.

The Tampa Tribune was not distributed through the mail one day last week because it contained an alleged lottery advertisement. The interdiction appears to have been effective at Arcadia only, where there is a darned particular postmaster.

BELLE GLADE

Belle Glade, Fla., July 2.

The Misses Charlotte Obover and Georgia Greer, who spent a week in camp at Delray, have returned home.

Mrs. Joseph Seymour has gone to Wisconsin for a visit with her daughter.

Our genial bus man, J. E. Moore, stole a march on his friends by quietly slipping into West Palm Beach and wedding Miss Ruth Severne. Fair winds to them.

Mrs. H. H. Walters has returned from New York.

E. F. Plumb has gone to Hartford, Conn., for a visit to his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ferguson and family of Miami were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Eggleston.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Stalling, daughter Retta, and son Frank drove up to their old home in Georgia for a visit.

Last Thursday quite a few of the Belle Glade ladies dropped in at "Mifflin's," the home of Miss Alice Reed, for a cup of tea and to meet her guests.

Miss John Fauley of Virginia.

Howard Sharp, editor of The Everglades News, and Col. James P. Harbison of West Palm Beach, who recently returned from a visit to Kentucky, were Belle Glade visitors Sunday.

GLADES COUNTY

Sheriff Frank Richards got a 400-gallon still last week.

The Rebecca lodge at Moore Haven took in two new members last week.

Mrs. F. A. Flanders has gone to Sioux City, Iowa, to visit her parents during the summer.

A fine cow shipped to Palmdale from Louisiana died of Texas fever caused by the ticks.

Marshall Horace Howell, who had been suspended from office, has been reinstated by the town council.

Hours of the chapter were conferred last week on Mrs. C. Eugene Smith by the Moore Haven Eastern Star.

Colored people in Moore Haven have organized an improvement club, and are fixing up the streets in the quarters.

More casing has been received for the test hole that is drilling on Indian Prairie canal, where it is hoped, that oil or gas may be found.

H. D. Silverthorn, vice president of the Koreshan Unity at Estero Lee county, visited Moore Haven and attended the Fourth of July celebration at Okeechobee.

The Palmdale correspondent of the Glades County Democrat says that the amount of water in Fish-eating creek shows that the rainfall in the upper valley has been heavier than along the lake.

Fred A. Flanders, resident engineer, is constructing a new spillway in lock No. 1, consisting of a flashboard section which will eliminate the cumber-

some needles. One man will be able with the new equipment to regulate the flow over the spillway, during high water, while formerly it has taken two or three men to do so.

The Andrew Rawn place half a mile south of Moore Haven, ten acres and a small house, has been sold to John B. Paden for \$3,000. The Jimmie Green place, also ten acres, has been sold to S. C. Cottrell, the Ford agent, for \$3,700.

Many non-resident owners having signed the petition for the creation of the No. 11 drainage district, there is prospect that the plan to include the town of Moore Haven will be carried out and work started soon. The state drainage board is acting with land owners.

OKEECHOBEE

Joseph Phillips, president of the Phillips Land and Lumber Company, and R. S. Jordan of West Palm Beach, contemplate the erection of a hunting lodge on the north end of Kissimmee river, seven miles north of Okeechobee.

Engineer Frederick of the Myers Construction Company complains that completion of a section of state road No. 8 is delayed by the speeding of motorists who use the road. Twenty miles is the maximum the road can now stand, he says.

Bunches of grapes have appeared on vines four months after they were planted on land at Okeechobee owned by W. J. Conners. The vineyard is located off of Parrott avenue between the town and the lake.

S. J. Davis, Herman S. Knight and L. E. Davis, former owners of the Dixie garage, have incorporated under the name of the East Coast Garfield Company and will distribute Overland cars from Fort Pierce.

The delinquent tax list at Okeechobee is the smallest in years.

Three Boy Scouts of Okeechobee have gone to Anniston, Ala., to attend the citizens military training camps.

A city election will be held at Okeechobee July 22 to vote on these propositions: Bonds for a better water supply, \$50,000; sewerage, \$100,000; city hall, \$14,000; fire protection, \$3,000; park beautification, \$5,000; street paving, \$30,000.

PALM BEACH COUNTY

Girl scouts of West Palm Beach are camping at Olympia.

E. K. Long is to erect a \$10,000 apartment house at Stuart.

Beautification of the railroad right of way will be undertaken by the Civitan Club of Stuart. The Commercial Club will do a similar service on another space.

George Barrie, Philadelphia publisher, and Frank R. Andrews, a Kentucky iron manufacturer, are having fine homes built for their occupancy on Sewell Point.

George W. Idner, native of Ohio, who homesteaded at Melbourne in the fall of 1879, died at West Palm Beach last week. He lived at Thomasville, Ga., for a few years, going to Palm Beach county in 1886. He was a Union soldier in the civil war. His son Frank Idner is an official in West Palm Beach.

HENDRY COUNTY

E. E. Goodno is now the largest stockholder in the Bank of LaBelle, having bought all of W. E. Mannings' interest.

One thousand telephone poles were unloaded last week at Orlton, to be used in the system that will connect LaBelle with points east.

Henry Ford is to have a bridge put across Caloosahatchee river at Fort Thomas to connect all parts of his 2,000-acre estate which he took over a few weeks ago from E. E. Goodno.

"Considerable secrecy has been maintained regarding the planning of several hundred rubber trees in an obscure spot in Henry Ford's property near LaBelle," Mary Hayes Davis writes. The few who knew of the receipt of the shipment were cautioned not to give information of it.

HIGHWAY DISPOSES TEACHERS TO COME

Benefit is already coming to the rural schools of the Everglades because of the Conners highway.

Miss Ballard, county school superintendent, says that she does not expect the usual difficulties in securing teachers of ability for the lake schools now that the new highway furnishes facilities for reaching the Palm Beaches in a couple of hours. Also with growth of communities the opportunities for better living conditions for teachers will be greater and this will have much influence in preventing frequent changes of teachers that has been customary.

Mrs. Ballard says that at Canal Point, where only one new teacher was needed, she already has obtained a Tallahassee graduate, Miss Yvonne Goolsby, for that position.

Similar improvement is expected at other schools. Not only that, but the new road is of assistance to the board of education in getting supplies promptly to the lake schools. In the matter of material for repair, the will also be of much help in doing away with delays in transportation. Miss Ballard believes the Conners highway will be an important factor in raising the standard of the lake section schools.

Palm Beach Times.

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As many of the boats on Lake Okeechobee need some work done on them and as this is the season in which such work is generally taken care of, we are looking forward to a number of inquiries from this announcement in The Everglades News.

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Farm Talk

Howard Sharp

Smaller acreage for truck crops and the use of a small quantity of fertilizer—that is the tendency on the part of East Beach farmers as now expressed in statement of plans for the next seasons' work, making "seasons" plural because there will be a winter crop and a fall crop. Heretofore the general method has been to have large acreage and to use no fertilizer at all; that may continue to be the general method, but, as said, there is a tendency toward adoption of the other plan.

Everglades farmers have figured that by one method all they lost if there was flood or frost was their seed and their labor, and by not using any fertilizer they saved its cost in the event of any sort of failure. They planned to make up for the loss of seed and labor by replanting or resetting large or larger acreage. This plan, however, did not take count of the cost of labor or the quality of the product or the possible low market for big crops. This was the idea and the plan when land was cheap and rent was low.

It is being observed now that the most money was made last season by the men who had small acreage and who used some fertilizer.

Labor may be scarce next spring, for two reasons, and therefore high. One of the reasons is that the new immigration law will shut off a good deal of the Bahaman island labor; another is that railroad work and other construction jobs will absorb a large amount of labor. Negroes will have so much money or there will be so many jobs for them that they may not be available for field work at a price farmers can afford to pay. The farmer with a big acreage probably will be out of luck. Living costs are high in South Florida during the tourist season, the very season when the truck crops are being picked, and this high cost of living has an influence in making wages for farm labor high.

Now, as to fertilizer: It is true as the land sellers say that "Everglades muck requires no fertilizer," and it is true that vegetables grown in muck soil will "carry." But that does not alter the fact that proper fertilizer increases the yield and makes the vegetables of better quality. More than that, it removes the last objection of the buyers of Everglades vegetables—it

takes away the only thing they can kick about.

The idea of shipping Everglades tomatoes as east coast tomatoes does not look right to me, from any standpoint. In reply to a letter written to G. W. Sawyer, of W. P. Lee & Company, Inc., of Miami, the following reply was received, under date of June 16, without agreeing with the conclusions in whole the letter is here given for what readers think it is worth:

"Miami, Fla., June 16, 1924.

"Mr. Howard Sharp, Editor, The Everglades News, Canal Point, Fla.

"Dear Sir: This will acknowledge receipt of yours of the 7th. Carefully note what you have to say in reference to tomatoes grown on muck in comparison to elsewhere in the Everglades.

"The writer believes that the sooner the farmers of the Everglades make up their minds to use the proper amount of fertilizer, of the right analysis, in growing their tomatoes, the better off they will be.

"The writer has been watching the growing of tomatoes from the Everglades around Moore Haven and the East Beach for the last several years, and has always contended that if the proper fertilizer could be used to cause the tomatoes to carry, they would rank with any tomato that come out of the state of Florida, as to carrying and quality.

"We shipped around a hundred cars off the East Beach this season, and the first shipment topped all markets, but the tomatoes were very tender and as soon as the vines commenced to go back, the tomatoes did not carry. Consequently, the last shipments arrived in 1923 had condition, and in most cases hardly brought expenses, and the writer was wholly due to the fact that the tomatoes lacked the proper nourishment.

"Yours very truly,

"G. W. Sawyer."

When the Everglades experiment station at Belle Glade gets organized we shall have more information than now possessed as to the benefits of fertilizer in muck soil. In the meantime the individual farmer can well make some experiments of their own and arrange to keep a check on the carrying qualities of their products.

**GETTING READY
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Sugar Company Enlarges Laborers' Quarters and Clears Land in Section 3

The Florida Sugar & Food Products Company, which operates a sugar house two miles east of Canal Point on West Palm Beach canal, has its summer work well in hand.

Quarters for a larger force of colored laborers have been provided by the erection of buildings near the sugar mill, the new buildings including a school house.

Clearing of 300 acres of land in section 3 began this week. Three hundred acres of this section is already planted to sugar cane; the remaining half will be planted to truck crops this fall and winter, the truck crops to be followed with sugar cane in the spring. Section 3 is directly east of W. J. Connors' section 4 farm; much of the vegetation to be removed from it is custard apple trees. Most of the section is south of the canal.

Planting of sugar cane is still under way on section 34, located on the north side of the canal. This is the section that was bought from the late Hiram Hampton.

Cultivating is still under way in such fields of cane as require attention.

One hundred acres of sugar cane planted in raw sawgrass muck on section 2, opposite the sugar house, is looking fine and promises a good yield. This is the most remote point from custard apple land or weed land at which the company has undertaken to grow mill cane. If the test is as successful as it now promises to be it proves the value of tens of thousands of acres of sawgrass land.

CULTURE STRAWBERRIES

TOLD IN NEW BULLETIN

"Strawberry Production in Florida" is the title of Bulletin 40, of the agricultural extension division of the Florida College of Agriculture, which is just off the press. Every step from soil preparation to picking, packing and harvesting is discussed clearly, and in most cases illustrated by pictures. Varieties best suited to Florida conditions are recommended. A copy can be had free upon request to the Agricultural Extension Division, Gainesville, Ask for Bulletin 40.

Mrs. John J. O'Brien of Clewiston has gone to Philadelphia, Pa., her old home, to remain there during the summer. It is understood that Captain J. J. O'Brien will visit Europe on business, leaving the latter part of this month.

Chairman R. L. McCarley and other members of the board of county commissioners passed through Canal Point Tuesday, seemingly on their way to the St. Lucie canal road.

**C. C. SPEER HOMESICK
FOR THE EVERGLADES**

Dr. C. C. Speer, who conducted a drug store in West Palm Beach for several years and made many visits into the Glades, writes to The Everglades News from 3609 Walnut street, Philadelphia, Pa., where he is now located.

"My dear Sharp: I hear that you have opened up a newspaper plant at Canal Point. From what I can judge by the papers I see, it is considerable activity there. If you have time I would like a line from you, also a copy of your paper. I was always strong on the Glades from the time I went to West Palm Beach in 1917 and I feel that the sky is the limit there. You must think pretty well of it or you wouldn't be there. I trust you will make good and make lots of 'jack'."

"It may be that I'll drift back there some of these days. I often think Florida and the good friends I had to leave. It is nice here, and there is lots of money but you have to try to lose. Cough summer is in full swing in Florida; we have had no summer yet. Wishing you all the good luck, health and happiness."

Everybody on East Beach knows Jack Barrett's dog—the fluffy-haired mutt that looks like a mop. The dog connects "Doc" Speer with the Everglades, for it was from him that Mrs. Barrett obtained the dog when he was so young and small that he was brought from West Palm Beach to Canal Point in a Camel cigarette carton.

NEW MAIL ROUTE

The new route between West Palm Beach and Canal Point is a "star route," which means that it renders the same kind of service as a rural free delivery mail route. People who live anywhere on the star route can give their mail to the carrier and receive mail from the carrier if they put up mail boxes. The star route carrier leaves West Palm Beach at 8 o'clock and is due to arrive at Canal Point at 1 o'clock. He is not supposed to leave West Palm Beach later than 8 o'clock but he can arrive at Canal Point as much earlier than 1 o'clock as he wants to, the five hours from 8 to 1 being allowed to give him plenty of time to serve all patrons between the two points. He leaves Canal Point for West Palm Beach with the mail at 1:30 o'clock and is allowed until 6:30 to get to the coast.

The Charles A. Edwards who has this mail contract is not the Charles Edwards who used to live on East Beach and who is now the bookkeeper in the office of the West Palm Beach Post and he is not the Charles Edwards who was express agent at West Palm Beach for many years and who later ran an automobile tire business. He is a retired farmer who used to live west of Jupiter and who still has land there. Two of his sons are in the mail service, one of them working in the West Palm Beach office and the other being a mail carrier at Evanston, Ill.

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Funeral of Honored Resident Of Pahokee Held At West Palm Beach

West Palm Beach, July 8.—A coroner's jury reporting yesterday on the shooting at Okeechobee City last Friday in which W. B. Cross, aged 66, of Kreamer Island, lost his life, returned a charge of manslaughter against John Davis of Miami, who has been held in the Okeechobee County jail, according to a message from Sheriff J. C. Platt at Okeechobee last night.

Although filing, according to the sheriff, to state in its report whether it considered the killing to be accidental or due to carelessness, the coroner's jury ordered C. L. Laphair of Miami held as an accessory to the crime. Witnesses testifying before the coroner's jury after the shooting said the two men were together in the bin of which Davis was said to be the driver.

In lieu of \$1,000 bond for Davis and \$500 for Laphair, the jury still still were in jail, the sheriff declared, but he said they had retained a Miami attorney. They will stand trial in the next term of the circuit court.

Witnesses say that Mr. Cross, a well known fish dealer, was killed by a revolver bullet while he was talking to friends at the Conners highway celebration last Friday. They declared the Miami bus driver was firing bullets into the ground nearby at the time.

The funeral of Mr. Cross, which was in charge of the local lodge of Masons, was largely attended Sunday. Rev. C. H. Summers of the Methodist church officiated at the Ferguson chapel and the Macon cemetery. Mr. Cross was a member of the Fort Lauderdale Macon lodge. He was born in Florida, near Palatka, and lived in Florida all his life except when fishing off of the Maine coast. His wife, who had been in West Palm Beach for medical treatment, was in the city at the time of her husband's death. Two of Mr. Cross' sons are employed on Conners Highway.

INLET ELECTION CALLED OFF

The commissioners of Lake Worth inlet district adopted the following resolution Monday:

"Be it resolved that the second election of said district, which is called for the 22nd day of July, A. D. 1924, be and the same is hereby postponed pending further investigation by the board concerning the receipt of bids from reputable contractors as to a more definite estimate of the cost of the work of completing the inlet project."

KOCHER, BECOMES BOOK- KEEPER ENGINEER'S OFFICE

West Palm Beach, July 6.—Ned Kocher has succeeded A. W. Stine as bookkeeper in the office of County Engineer Charles H. Holstlaw, Mr. Stine having joined the Consolidated Realty Company's force. Mr. Kocher went to West Palm Beach from Biloxi, Miss., four years ago, and became principal of the city schools; later he taught at Key West. He was a candidate for county superintendent of public instruction of Palm Beach county in the June primary.

WEEKLY LETTER FROM MR. HUNTER

By Thomas Hunter

As I mentioned in a recent letter relating to the disposal of state land in section 15 in the town of Pahokee, the task of checking up the list of applicants for home-sites was assigned by the Internal Improvement Board to the assistant drainage engineer and field agent, A. R. Richardson. On Thursday, June 20th, Mr. Richardson arrived in Tallahassee from Miami and neighborhood where his special field duties had previously been engaging his attention. On Monday, June 26th, he started out again, this time on a journey of inspection to Monroe county. On this trip he intends to call at Pahokee and to verify the list of applicants for home-sites and to make up his report as to the apparent validity of their claims to have a "first refusal" when the board provides them the opportunity to buy. He carries with him the information on the subject obtained from the office of the drainage engineer and the state treasurer, besides his advice from the chief drainage engineer. I also saw Mr. Richardson on Saturday, June 28th, and gave him what information I had; and anyone else may do the same. Mr. Richardson is a civil engineer and surveyor. His athletic build, no less than his skilled mind, adapts him well for the arduous task of field agent and of surveying expeditions in the Everglades jungles.

Mr. Elliott also left for a week in the Everglades, in places where some very important work is going on and where his inspection and advice are urgent. Mr. Elliott, with his staff of engineering draftsmen, is especially skilled in the science of hydraulics and its application and is devotedly moving toward the great goal of his ambition—the reclamation of the Everglades. I again had the opportunity of a conversation with Mr. Elliott and statements below are from him. Mr. Elliott foresees the day when, instead of a prairie, all the Everglades will be glades of cultivated land winding through palm groves and sugar cane fields. Then, the Everglades will fully justify in fact its poetical name. To this end two things stand out conspicuously as paramount—one is the control of Lake Okeechobee and the other is the digging of more canals in the central part of the Everglades. Everglades later by other canals wherever the Everglades extend in the southland.

For lake control the main instrument is the St. Lucie canal which will cut its full capacity of flow (5000 cubic feet per second) in the early part of the year 1925. The Kissimmee watershed at the north end of the lake. This watershed is seven times the area of the lake itself. The great outflow of the lake is aided by way of evaporation. During the dry season the evaporation of the St. Lucie canal and lesser canals can bring the lake down to 15 feet elevation. At the end of the dry season the lake has by these means acquired a storage capacity of three billion cubic feet spatial dimension. Then in the wet season, with the evaporation and the canal outflow still operating and the great storage capacity ready to receive excess water, the lake will keep from an undesirable height. Then for excess rain water above the water level, farmers should ditch surface water into laterals and from these have it drain into the main canals. Further safeguarding by dikes and pumps may insure irrigation when needed as well as drainage.

As to the second great need in the developing of the Everglades, the digging of more canals in the central and in the more southern localities, this is waiting on a further increase in the size of the internal improvement fund. When one views the canals which have been dug and their control works, etc., one realizes that thus far millions have been spent with excellent effect. And here we come to a subject which Mr. Elliott thinks should be gone over frequently and cogitated, and he thinks that the board's view of it deserves attention, approval and dissemination. The fund was obtained by borrowing \$950,000 on Everglades property assessed at \$12,000,000. Of this borrowed sum \$800,000 has been paid back and the bonds have been retired, and there is an unissued reserve of \$1,300,000. To meet the interest, the expense and the regular amount for the sinking fund requires \$1,000,000 a year, and the Ever-

glades land owners pay five cents to eighty-five cents per acre according to the benefits derived. This together with an ad valorem tax of one mill on the assessed value of personal property, and with the proceeds from the sale of Everglades lands, constitutes the total income of the fund.

Population is waiting on internal drainage development; internal drainage development is waiting on added revenue; added revenue is waiting on added drainage district territory with a greater total of assessed value. This added territory would yield to the fund the one mill tax valorem tax only. It would not feel the small added tax. It would comprise the territory on the east coast from Stuart to Coconut Grove with \$600,000 of assessed property and 85,000 population. The benefit to these people from this developing of the interior of the Everglades and opening it up for population would be indirect, just as it is also indirect to us settlers in the other parts of the Everglades. Their indirect benefit would, however, in time be enormous, just as the money already expended by the drainage district and the population thus brought to the Everglades have been among the appreciable contributory elements of the present unequalled prosperity of the east coast. Mr. Elliott, therefore, holds that it would be profitable to themselves for these communities to come into the drainage district and it would give the work of reclamation an enormous help. He also holds that it would be good for us who dwell in the Everglades to take this district extension idea wherever we can in thought, word and act.

Mr. Elliott's office is situated on the ground floor of the capitol. In the adjacent large room or hall is his force of draftsmen at work on their drawings and measuring. At the rear of this room or hall, and opening out on to the capitol lawn, is the blue-printing room. Here I had the privilege of seeing a blue print made by the obliging Robert whose work has included the blue printing for many years past. The process is simple but only one print is made every ten minutes. The product is just what we would want as a chart for our subdivision, or for each of the applicants. However the final drawing must await the return of the chief drainage engineer who will give it the final test.

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